

**OBJECTION No. 7.—It puts the country no further on in the matter of defending itself.**

**MR. FOSTER.**—"After 10, or 12, or 20, or 30 years you will have paid out an immense amount of money. You will have been protected in the meantime, but **in Canada itself there will be no roots struck.** There will be no residue left. **There will be no preparation of the soil or beginning of the growth of the production of defence.** Yet sometime or other, no one can doubt, that with resources and with a population constantly increasing, we must and will have in this country a naval force of our own, for our coast and home defence."

**OBJECTION No. 8.—It does not inspire a national spirit.**

**MR. FOSTER.**—"The interest that we take in a contribution made by another is not the interest that I desire for Canada. I want to see something grafted on the soil of Canada's nationhood, which takes root and grows and develops until it incites the spirit of defence in this country, leads to a participation in the defence, leads to that quick interest in it, its glories, its duties and its accomplished work, which is, after all, the one great thing that benefits all people for great expenditures, either on land or on sea, in the way of defence and of the maintenance of the rights of the country."

**OBJECTION No. 9.—It does not properly protect commerce.**

**MR. FOSTER.**—"Again it disjoins what has been joined together from the earliest days of the world's existence—commerce and the protection of commerce. After all a basic idea of a naval force is the protection of the commerce of a country. A commerce side by side with its protector, and its protector side by side with the growing commerce of a country flourish best together and are the surest helpers to each other."

**OBJECTION No. 10.—It deprives Canada of benefits which she ought to derive from assisting in defence.**

**MR. FOSTER.**—"When we make our contributions in the way of a fixed sum and it goes from us and we are not responsible for it, we have none of the inspiration arising from the growth and development of a system of future defence